

- an initial viscosity V_0 ranging from 3000 to 50,000 Pa.s, wherein said initial viscosity V_0 is stable up to a shear strain C_1 ,
- a Viscosity V_2 after shear at a strain C_2 , wherein a ratio of V_0/V_2 is greater than or equal to 1000, and
- a difference of $C_2 - C_1$ is less than or equal to 100 Pa;

wherein said hydrophilic gelling material is a hydrophilic gelling polymer chosen from at least one water-soluble and water-dispersible terephthalic copolyester oligomer comprising dicarboxylate repeating units of formula (1):



wherein

- A is chosen from 1,4-phenylene and sulfo-1,3-phenylene groups, and optionally, 1,3-phenylene groups,
- n ranges from 1 to 4,
- at least 35 mol% of said units of formula (1) are units of formula (1) wherein A is a 1,4-phenylene group and n is equal to 1,
- at least 7 mol% of said units of formula (1) are units of formula (1) wherein A is a sulfo-1,3-phenylene group, and
- the weight-average molecular mass of said at least one copolyester oligomer is less than 20,000 polystyrene equivalents, as measured by gel permeation chromatography in dimethylacetamide containing 10^{-2} N of LiBr, at

100°C.

24. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 18, wherein up to 20% of said units of formula (1) are units of formula (1) wherein A is a 1,3-phenylene group.

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C3
Sub D3

26. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 18, wherein at least 40 mol% of said units of formula (1) are units of formula (1) wherein A is a 1,4-phenylene group and n is equal to 1.

C4
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28. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 18, wherein at least 10 mol% of said units of formula (1) are units of formula (1) wherein A is a sulfo-1,3-phenylene group.

C5

30. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 18, wherein said at least one copolyester oligomer has end groups independently chosen from groups of formula (I'):



wherein

- A and n are defined as in Claim 18.

31. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 18, wherein said at least one copolyester oligomer has end groups independently chosen from

-A-CO-OH and

-A-CO-OR

wherein A is defined as in Claim 18 and R is a C₁-C₄ alkyl group.

32. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 18, wherein said at least one copolyester oligomer has a weight-average molecular mass of less than 15,000 polystyrene equivalents, as measured by gel permeation chromatography in dimethylacetamide containing 10⁻² N of LiBr, at 100°C.

33. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 18, wherein said at least one copolyester oligomer has a weight-average molecular mass ranging from 5000 and